

- (7) Be required and described in the contractual agreements approved by the North Carolina Partnership for Children or the local partnership; and
- (8) Be reported to the North Carolina Partnership for Children or the local partnership by the contractor in the same manner as reimbursable expenses.

The North Carolina Partnership shall establish uniform guidelines and reporting format for local partnerships to document the qualifying expenses occurring at the contractor level. Local partnerships shall monitor qualifying expenses to ensure they have occurred and meet the requirements prescribed in this subsection.

Failure to obtain a twenty percent (20%) match by May 1 of each fiscal year shall result in a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the appropriation for the Program for the next fiscal year. The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc., shall be responsible for compiling information on the private cash and in-kind contributions into a report that is submitted to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations pursuant to G.S. 143B-168.13(5) in a format that allows verification by the Department of Revenue. The same match requirements shall apply to any expansion funds appropriated by the General Assembly.

(i) Counties participating in the Program may use the county's allocation of State and federal child care funds to subsidize child care according to the county's Early Childhood Education and Development Initiatives Plan as approved by the North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. The use of federal funds shall be consistent with the appropriate federal regulations. Child care providers shall, at a minimum, comply with the applicable requirements for State licensure or registration pursuant to Article 7 of Chapter 110 of the General Statutes, with other applicable requirements of State law or rule, including rules adopted for nonregistered child care by the Social Services Commission, and with applicable federal regulations.

(j) The Department of ~~Human Resources~~ Health and Human Services shall continue to implement the performance-based evaluation system.

(k) The Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center shall continue its evaluation of the Program. Notwithstanding any policy to the contrary, the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center may use any method legally available to it to track children who are participating or who have participated in any Early Childhood Education and Development Initiative in order to carry out its ongoing evaluation of the Program.

~~(l) G.S. 143B-168.12(a) reads as rewritten:~~

~~"(a) In order to receive State funds, the following conditions shall be met:~~

- ~~(1) The North Carolina Partnership shall have a Board of Directors consisting of the following 38 members:~~
 - ~~a. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, ex officio;~~
 - ~~b. Repealed;~~
 - ~~c. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, ex officio;~~
 - ~~d. The President of the Department of Community Colleges, ex officio;~~